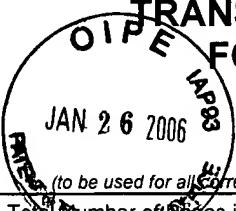


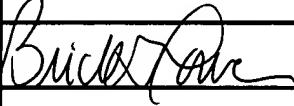
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A listing of the claims, in which amendments to the claims are presented, begins on page 2 of this paper; and

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